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ARIZONA CORP. COMM.
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Dear Senator Kyl:

We need your help concerning an issue involving a public utility company that is proposing a 500kv transmission line through our valley. We understand that we live in an area that is rapidly growing and there is a need for more power. The line is called Pinal West to Southeast Valley/Browning 500kV Transmission Project or PW-SEV/BRG. We realize that you are a member of the Energy and Natural Resource Committee and of Public Land and Forests Sub-Committee.

The problem is the utility company which is Salt River Project (SRP) refuses to consider other routes to reach there destination. There is an existing designated BLM utility corridor that could be used and not impact as many property owners in western Pinal County. We have been railroaded, lied to and mislead by SRP from the beginning. Over a year ago SRP told us that they had not determined a route for these transmission lines and that they would probably go through the BLM corridor. Recently they held local meetings and decided they would go through Hidden Valley and made no mention of a route through the BLM corridor. Now they have submitted an application to the Line Siting Committee with the Arizona Corporate Commission. In the application submitted on October 7, 2004 by SRP there is no mention of a BLM route even as an alternative. The BLM corridor we are mentioning has an existing 250kv line and a designated 1-mile wide easement for future utilities therefore would have little if any environmental impact. This route would greatly reduce the number of private property owners. In the application, SRP has calculated along their route that 20% government land would be used and 80% private lands would be bought. The entire state of Arizona is comprised of 80-85% government or non-private land. It seems reasonable that non-private land should be utilized as much as possible in this situation. Since SRP has not studied this BLM route it is unclear whether or not it is less expensive for them. SRP will not give us a clear answer why they will not go through the BLM corridor. We have talked to different attorneys and they agree that SRP does not want to deal with the federal government when they can use their right of eminent domain and deal with private property owners on their own terms.

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All of our neighbors and ourselves have formed an association called Save Our Valley Association (SOVA) and retained a law firm to represent the association. Now the law firm after several months of representing SOVA has suddenly decided to drop the association as a client under pressure from SRP.

The reason we are concerned is its negative effect on property values. Senator Kyl, what we are asking from you, is to inquire to the Arizona Corporation Commission as to why SRP will not consider the BLM corridor as their primary route and pressure them to do so. It is our understanding that is a reasonable use for BLM especially since it has already been designated for this use. The Arizona Corporate Commission Line Siting Committee will may make their decision as early as January 2005. We are quickly running out of options and have tried everything to settle this matter. We believe the unexpressed reason for SRP not considering the BLM route is they don't want the bureaucracy of the federal government involved. This is not a good reason. We believe you could have a significant impact on the Line Siting Committee decision with your credentials. We have sent a letter to Senator Conrad Burns as well. Please send copies of any correspondence to the above address.

I have attached some information that may be helpful.

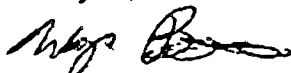
- 1) Map proposed by SRP to the Line Siting Commission. Note map does not show clearly where BLM land is and no proposed route for it.
- 2) Website for information on PW-SEV/BRG: www.azpower.org
- 3) Contact person for Chairman of Arizona Transmission Line Siting Committee, Arizona Corporation Commission:

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Phoenix, AZ 85007
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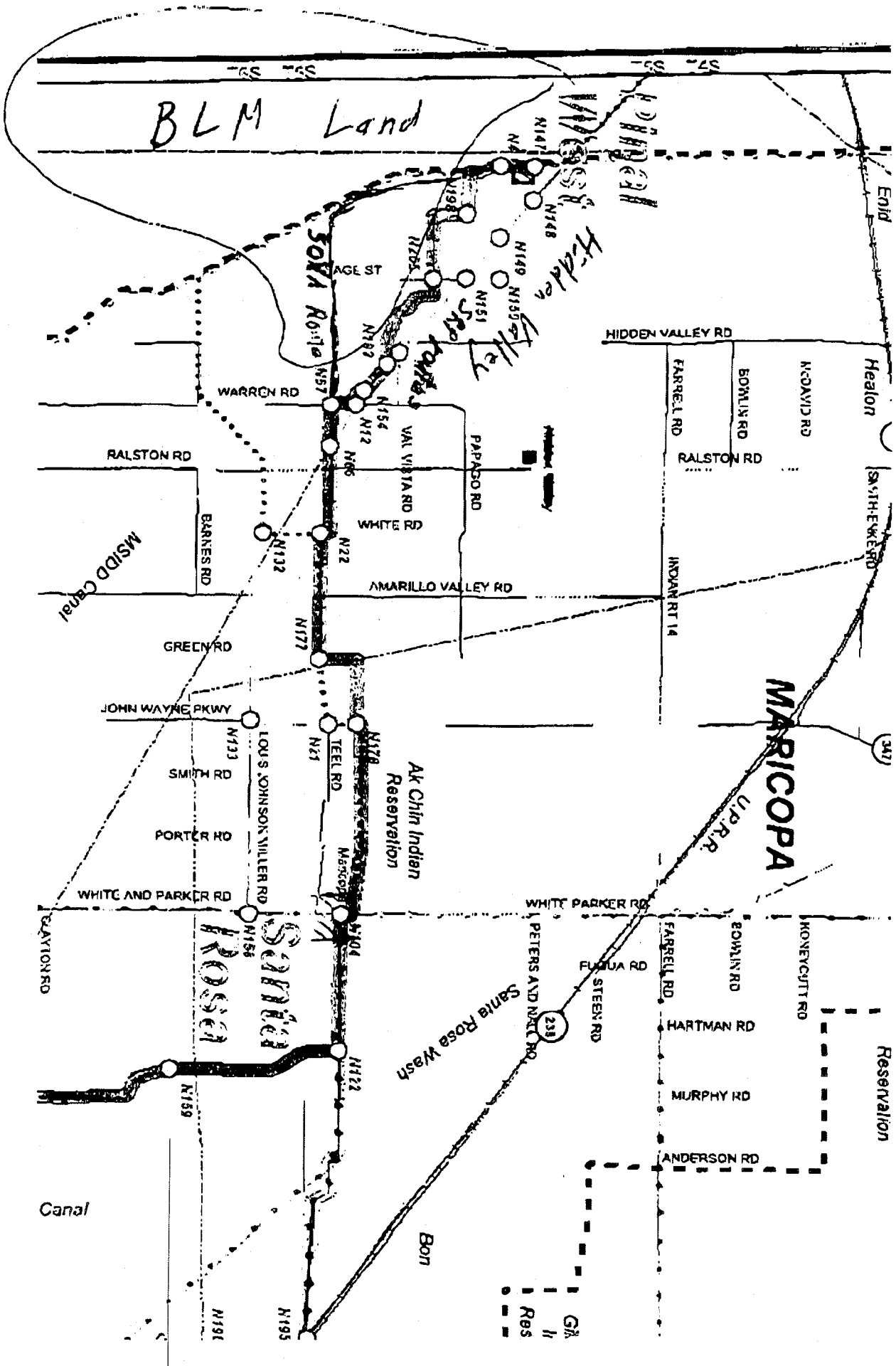
Please refer to the PW-SEV/BRG proposed transmission lines in western Pinal County, Hidden Valley area.

Your help is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to call us at any time.

Thank you,



Wayne Bolton
Member, Save Our Valley Association



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PRIVACY ACT CONSENT FORM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

DATE

11/30/04

In accordance with the provisions of Public Law 93-579 (The Privacy Act of 1974), I hereby give my consent for information concerning me to be furnished to Senator Jon Kyl. I request that any relevant information he may require in order to assist in responding to my inquiry, as his constituent, be provided to him in accordance with the provisions of the law.

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To begin your inquiry, we require the following information:

FEDERAL AGENCY INVOLVED: Energy and Natural Resources, Public Land & ForestSOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: 516-86-6282

CIVIL SERVICE CLAIM NUMBER: _____

VETERAN'S CLAIM NUMBER: _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____

RANK _____

ALIEN REGISTRATION NUMBER: A: _____

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 9/9/64 Glendale, Missouri

IF REQUESTING HELP ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER, GIVE THE ABOVE INFORMATION FOR THAT PERSON. HIS/HER NAME: _____

HAVE YOU CONTACTED ANOTHER CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE? ☒ YES ☐ NO
WHOSE? Senator Conrad Burns

Briefly explain the problem or information desired. Attach a separate sheet if necessary. Be sure to include necessary information and send documentation, if available.

SRP has applied for a certificate on a 500 KV transmission line to the AZ Corporation Commission Line Site Committee. SRP refuses to use the existing BLM corridor for these lines. Instead they are abusing their power of Eminent Domain and propose to use private land. Please contact A.C.C. Line Siting Committee and recommend the use of public land in Western Pinal County!
Sam L. Laffey

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Sam L. Laffey

Note: Residents of Cochise, Pima and Santa Cruz county should return the completed form to Senator Kyl's Tucson office; residents of all other Arizona counties should return the completed form to the Phoenix office. The address of each state office is at the top of this form.

JON KYL

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December 20, 2004

Mr. Wayne Bolton
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Dear Mr. Bolton:

Thank you for contacting my office with your concerns.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to the Arizona Corporation Commission so that you might be assisted. The address and phone number are 1200 West Washington, Phoenix 85007; 602-542-4251.

Sincerely,



JON KYL

United States Senator

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